

## Righting Wrongs:

# Soldiers Give Food to Iraqis Affected by Insurgents

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CAMP EAGLE, Iraq—As Mahdi militants fueled an uprising in southern Iraq, fighting spilled over into places like Sadr City and adjoining areas, setting back ongoing efforts to improve the lives of the Iraqis.

Now, with a tentative truce in place, civil affairs Soldiers are taking the initiative to repair the damages and secure the peace. Teams like "Strike" and "Falcon", 478th Civil Affairs Battalion attached to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division have begun the healing process by providing humanitarian rations to the people most affected in areas like the Kamilaya neighborhood of northeastern Baghdad.

According to Maj. Joel Hagy, Strike team leader, 478th CA, food drops are an integral part of consequence management.

"Whenever you have consequences in a tactical operation you need to be able to manage the consequences as best you can," Hagy said. "The consequences can be as minimal as destruction of private property to, in the worst-case scenario, death or injury to a civilian."

In any tactical operation there are three phases of consequence management that have to be considered.

"First there is the

planning phase," Hagy said. "Then there is the operation itself, when you might run into something unexpectedly and it wasn't foreseen during the initial planning. Lastly, there is the post phase, when there is actual damage to something and somebody gets compensated."

During the latest uprising on Aug. 5, area businesses, public projects and government buildings were closed or damaged, which forced civilians to stay home and incur a temporary loss of income.

"After this latest insurrection, we have started to rebuild the [District Council] hall and have been able to make several humanitarian food drops," Hagy said.

"Many people in Iraq are unsure of what we are doing here," said Sgt. 1st Class Felipe Azua, 478th CA noncommissioned officer in charge. "So, they go by what other people say. When they see us out there repairing their electric stations, sewer systems or passing out food, they can actually see for themselves that we are here to help and that has a huge impact...The food drops that we do are a good example of how we get the word out."

As for their latest humanitarian assistance mission, Staff Sgt. Heidi Mendez attributes its success to the help they received from the support-



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An Iraqi woman with her children in tow carries off a box of humanitarian food rations distributed by Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Aug. 28. The food was meant to help alleviate the problems incurred on Kamilaya residents when insurgents launched an uprising against Multi-National Forces Aug. 5.

ing units and a couple of local leaders who assisted in organizing the people and passing out the food.

"When the food drops go well, you really feel great because you know a

lot of families are getting fed," Mendez said. "Hopefully, in the future, we will be able to do more of these food drops and organize them in the same way."

# Olympic Hopeful Represents Nation in Iraq

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**CAMP VICTORY,** Iraq- While our country's Olympians represented the United States in Athens, Greece, one Olympic hopeful is representing his country in Iraq.

Spc. Nathan Thoreson, Company D, 110th Military Intelligence Battalion, is a multiple national and state wrestling champion. He is currently serving with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Commandos), 10th Mountain Division, where he tries to balance his passion for wrestling with his duty to his country.

"I've been wrestling since I was four," he said. "My goal was to compete in the Olympics ever since I was a kid. The All-Army wrestling team provides me a direct route to the Olympics."

Thoreson won 21 national championships in four wrestling styles from age 5 to his sophomore year in high school. The Pensacola, Fla. native was also a three-time state champion in high school and finished his high school career with a 114-3 record, with 101 of his victories by

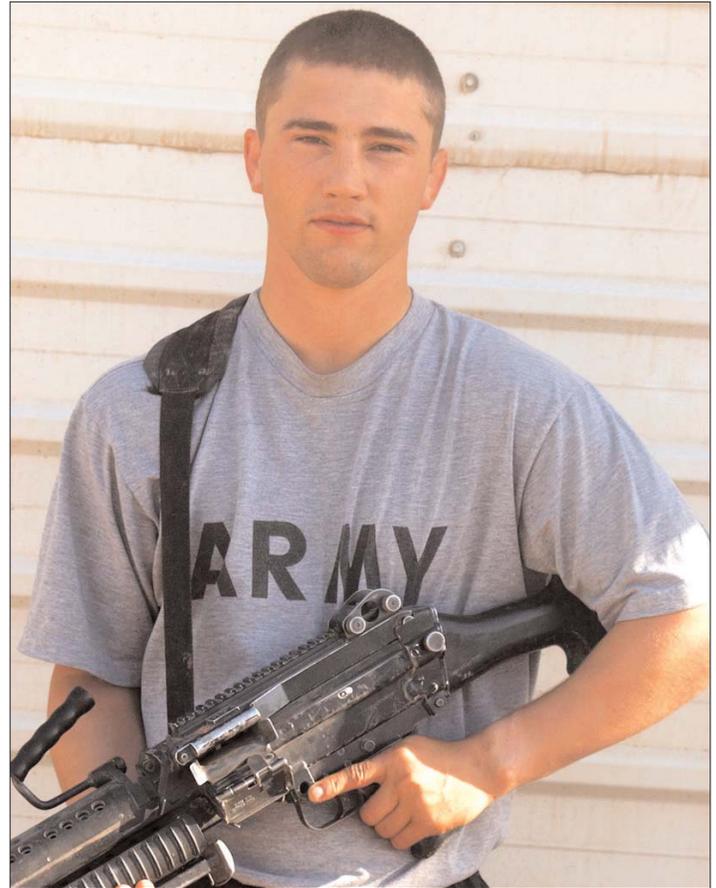
fall. He joined the Army planning to continue his wrestling career, but also because it was his patriotic duty, he said.

"I was tossing the idea of joining the Army for a while," Thoreson said. "My brother is in the military at Fort Hood. After Sept. 11, it finalized my decision. I started basic training on Halloween 2001."

Sgt. Quentin Fuller, Company D, 110th MI, is a fellow wrestler and knows from experience Thoreson's abilities on the mat. He said although he is not qualified to measure Olympic-level talent, he is confident Thoreson has what it takes.

"He is not the type of guy that goes around bragging, but from what I hear, his chances are pretty good," he said. He's light years better than me. I outweigh him by 30 pounds and he just has his way with me."

Time was not on Thoreson's side for the 2004 Olympics. He missed two full years of training as a result of his long Advanced Individual Training. Thoreson trained with the All-Army wrestling team for 45 days before the national champi-



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Spc. Nathan Thoreson, a Soldier with Company D, 110th Military Intelligence Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, hopes to wrestle in the next Olympics. He has been wrestling since he was 5 years old.

Even though he was greatly out of practice, he was still able to impress the team.

Because the season was almost over, the coaches couldn't offer him a spot

until the next season.

Later, Thoreson found he would be deployed to Iraq.

Thoreson was not greatly disappointed with missing the 2004 Olympics and is looking toward the future.

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

market  
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### Thursday

High: 106  
Low: 78



### Friday

High: 108  
Low: 80



### Saturday

High: 110  
Low: 80



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## News Notes

### Macbeth Slated for Military Tour

(USA Today) -- Shakespeare's Scottish warrior, Macbeth, will be touring U.S. military bases beginning Sept. 10. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Defense Department are bringing the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and its production of Macbeth to 13 U.S. military bases. The Pentagon has contributed \$1 million to the program, which also includes educational activities to complement the performances. The tour continues through Oct. 21, ending at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, N.M.

### Farmer Makes USA Cornfield Maze

AUTAUGAVILLE, Ala. (AP) -- There's something corny about Ted Johnson's plan to help educate schoolchildren about America's geography. Johnson has cut a maze in the shape of the continental United States into a 12-acre cornfield on his Autauga County farm. He's toyed with the idea of a cornfield maze for some time, but all the ones he had ever seen had a Halloween theme. "I wanted to make something where the children, and adults, too, could learn something," Johnson said. "I think people will enjoy this. I don't care who you are, or how much you think you know, you get in the middle of this thing and you can get as lost as a barnyard goose."

## Adding Troops Will Impact Services

KILLEEN, Texas (Killeen Daily Herald) - The assignment of an additional 5,000 troops and their dependents to Fort Hood in 2004 will have a direct impact on medical services available at Darnall Army Community Hospital.

Civilian medical providers say they have the capacity to absorb family members choosing medical treatment in the community, officials said.

"We will make sure to do what's right for all patients and military beneficiaries, and continue to provide world-class health-care," said Darnall's commander, Col. Bernard DeKoenig.

His team completed a thorough analysis of all areas of care and determined the physical capacity and medical staff necessary to handle the increase, he said. "We know the requirements and are discussing with Great Plains (Regional Medical



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Local police and fire departments say they are ready for the arrival of 5,000 new Soldiers scheduled to be stationed at Fort Hood next year. The Killeen Police Department anticipates hiring new officers in the next year to help with exercises like warrant sweeps.

Command in San Antonio) date increased traffic, how they will be met," DeKoenig said.

The final plan is yet to be determined.

Several growth projects at Darnall are already in the works. The Emergency Department currently under construction will be larger than before and can accommo-

DeKoenig said.

He noted that patients in stable condition can be seen in other departments. Darnall also works closely with Scott & White Memorial Hospital, the other trauma department in this area, if there is an overflow of major trauma cases.

## Sacrifice Leaves Iraqi Speechless

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (Democrat-Gazette) - Taghreed al-Quaraghoulis traveled thousands of miles from Baghdad to central Arkansas to deliver a message that she said she could not put into words on Monday.

"I want to thank the families of the died Soldiers," al-Quaraghoulis said at The Wyndam Riverfront hotel in North Little Rock.

"I know thank you is not enough, but I don't have the words," al-Quaraghoulis said. "I'm sorry."

Al-Quaraghoulis and another Iraqi woman, Suhood Ahmad, addressed about 60

veterans, Army guardsmen, airmen, civic and political leaders and family members of Soldiers who have been killed in Iraq. They have been traveling the United States for the past six weeks, talking about efforts to bring democracy to their country.

On Monday, they thanked leaders of the Arkansas National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade and the 314th Airlift Wing from the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. Members of both units are serving in Iraq.

The women came at the bidding of the Iraq-

American Freedom Alliance, a project funded by The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. The Washington, D.C.-based foundation is a nonprofit, bipartisan organization that researches terrorism.

Al-Quaraghoulis and Ahmad talked about life before and after Saddam Hussein's regime fell in April 2003. Before, they saw torture, watched their loved ones suffer and lived in constant fear, they said.

After Saddam's removal, al-Quaraghoulis said she was so happy she had to touch trees to make sure she wasn't dreaming.

## Deion Ready to Return with Ravens

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) -- Deion Sanders is back in the NFL, this time with the Baltimore Ravens.

The seven-time Pro Bowl defensive back passed his physical Tuesday and formally ended his retirement by signing a one-year contract laden with incentives. Sanders will practice with the team for the first time Wednesday, and expects to play in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played cornerback in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore.

"This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billick said Tuesday morning. "We have to



Deion Sanders, shown in a file photo, led the 49ers and Cowboys to Super Bowl titles during the 1990s. After retiring in 2001, Sanders is coming out to play with the Ravens this year.

make sure we know where he's at physically. He's here plenty early enough to have an impact."

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season, which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

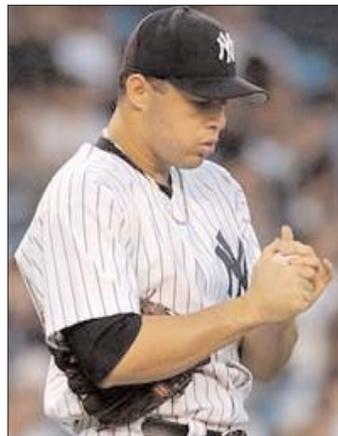
## No Mercy Rule for Yankees in Shutout

NEW YORK (AP) -- With an epic defeat, the New York Yankees' hold on first place in the AL East became increasingly tenuous.

Omar Vizquel got six hits to tie the American League record for a nine-inning game and the Cleveland Indians routed New York 22-0 Tuesday night in the largest loss in the 101-year history of the Yankees.

Cleveland matched the largest shutout win in the major leagues since 1900, set by Pittsburgh against the Chicago Cubs on Sept. 16, 1975.

"It's obviously embarrassing," Yankees catcher Jorge Posada said in words repeated by several



Yankees pitcher Javier Vazquez rubs up a new ball after the Indians' Travis Hafner hit a bases-clearing triple. teammates.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner watched his team fall in

record fashion, then refused to answer questions as he left the ballpark.

Cleveland's runs total seemed to spin by on the scoreboard as fast as the symbols on a slot machine. New York's AL East lead, which stood at 10½ games on the morning of Aug. 16, was cut to 3½ games by Boston, which beat Anaheim 10-7 for its 19th win in 23 games.

"Sure, we're aware of where they are and what they're doing, but you can't lose perspective," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It really wasn't much fun watching anything, our scoreboard or theirs."

## Sports Shorts



### Woodson Signs With Raiders

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) -- Charles Woodson's monthlong holdout didn't yield the "boat load of money" he said he was looking for, so it was time to show up at Oakland Raiders' training camp. Woodson signed a one-year tender for \$8.782 million on Tuesday, joining the team for the first time after a 33-day holdout. Woodson wanted a long-term deal and hoped the leverage of a holdout would force the Raiders to negotiate with him. But before he could talk about another deal or come to camp, he had to sign the tender offer.

### Roddick Defends Title at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - While defending his first Grand Slam title, Andy Roddick hit a U.S. Open-record 152 mph serve and a straight-sets victory. Roddick overwhelmed 17-year-old Scoville Jenkins of Atlanta 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 Tuesday night to reach the second round at the year's last major. Roddick hit 12 aces and he ended the second game of the match with one at 152 mph - just 1 mph slower than his tour record.